

COMMUNICATION

The communication filed on 1/21/2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the claims are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2).

Specifically, it is noted that claims 113, 134 and 135 are missing chemical structures, which were present in the immediate prior version of the claims entered 9/29/2006. Similarly, it is further noted that the squiggly line indicating a bond in claim 113 is missing. The foregoing analysis should not to be deemed exhaustive, however, as there may be other "graphical" elements pertaining to the claimed subject matter other claims not listed above for which the current status is ambiguous. 37 CFR 1.121(c)(2) states when claims with markings is required, that deleted matter must be indicated by strike through with respect to the immediate prior version of the claims. The top of the claim listing filed 1/21/2008 indicates no amendments are made, which seemingly contradicts the deleted chemical structures.

In an effort to clarify the record, applicant is requested to submit a substitute claim listing.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE(1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher M. Gross whose telephone number is (571)272-4446. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Douglas Schultz can be reached on 571 272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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